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**Caledonian Mercury**

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
*Foreign and Domestic.*

*Edinburgh, Monday September 23, 1723.*

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 17.*

*Since our last arrived the Mails due from Holland and France.*

*Dresden, Sept. 15.*

**Y**esterday the Electoral Princess returned hither from Prague extremely well satisfied, with the Honour done her by the Imperial Court. Count Flemming and other Persons of Distinction, are also come back from thence 2 Days ago. Baron de Zueren Minister of Prussia, had a particular Audience of the King.

*Hague, September 24.* They write from Petersburg, That the Emperor entertained all the foreign Ministers, the 25th and 26th past within the Sight of his Gardens and Fountains at Peterhoff, and also with a magnificent Feast each Day, and the 27th they all returned to Petersburg. The Russian Fleet is unrigged at Cronstot and laid up. They have at last ended at Rome the Affair of Cardinal Alberoni, who is now to have the Cardinal's Hat given him.

There has been great Rejoicings at Modena, on Account of the Birth of a Prince of the House of Medicis. Some Directors of our East India Company are come hither to present a new Memorial to the States General, for better preserving the Rights and Privileges of the said Company.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock 111, 1 half. S. S. Annuities 100, 3 qrs. Bank no Transfer. India 134, 1 half. African 13. York Buildings 14, 3 qrs.

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*From the Whitehall Evening Post,*

It is said, that Count Fleeming, Minister of Saxony presses the Emperor very hard to enter into Measures for securing the Succession of the Kingdom of Poland to the Electoral Prince of Saxony; and that the Emperor should return for Answer, that he would do what he could, but, he doubted, it could not be brought about without the Concurrence of the Czar.

We hear they are a little uneasy about Frankfort at so great a Body of Troops being quartered in their Neighbourhood; there are 40000 Men at present in Alsace, the Reason given for it is, that Provisions are Cheaper there, than any where in France. But its observed the French are now raising a Regiment of Hussars; we can't tell, whether the Cheapness of Provisions be the Occasion of this also.

On Monday about 11 in the Forenoon, the Wife of Middleton who was executed that Day at Tyburn, went to Doctor's-commons to sequester, but being asked, when her Husband died? and answering he was not yet dead, but just going to be hang'd? She was directed to come again in the Afternoon, when she was sure her Husband was dead.

*From the London Gazette, September 17.*

*Stockholm, August 28. O. S.* The States have resolv'd, that all the Royal Demesnes, which have been alienated, shall be redeemable by the Crown, as well those which have been mortgaged, as those which were sold during the Necessity of the late War.

*From the Evening Post, September 17.*

*Cadix, August 24.* The Marquis de Grillo, who is to command the Galleons design'd for America, is arrived here from Madrid, with Orders to sail away with them about the latter End of next Month: Mean While, the Consulate of the Indies having receiv'd Advice of the Departure of a Ship from St. Malo for the South Sea, has sent an Express to Madrid, to represent to the Court, that unless that clandestine Navigation of the French is effectually opposed, it will be impossible to send away the Galleons, because no Body will be willing to put their Effects on Board the same; by Reason that the Inhabitants of Lima, being flock'd with Merchandizes of the French, will not bring their Treasures to the Fair of Porto Bello, for purchasing of Goods as they used to do, in which Case, the Commerce of the Galleons must needs prove ruinous: for these Reasons, the said Consulate offers to advance to the King 20000 Pieces of eight; for fitting out two Men of War to be sent to the South Sea, with Orders to cruize there, and take all the French Ships they meet with.

*Hanover, September 17.* About 6000 Men of our Troops were yesterday reviewed in the Presence of the King of Great Britain, the Bishop of Osnaburg, Prince Frederick, all the Lords of Court, and foreign Minifters on Horse-back. The day for the Departure of his Majesty for Berlin is not fixed yet.

*London, Sept. 17.* They have begun to take in Subscriptions at the Exchequer, upon a Loan for 45000 L. at the Rate of 4 per Cent. viz. 10000 L. for repairing Westminster Abbey. The same Sum for finishing the Royal Hospital of Greenwich, and 25000 L. towards finishing and Building the new Churches.

They write from South Petherton, near Chard in Somerset Shire, That two Brothers of the Name of Darby. The one a Barber Surgeon, the other a Cooper, having Words together, the former, in the Height of Passion, took up a Hanger, and cut his Brother so cruelly over the Belly, that his Bowels came out, and he died immediately. The Murderer made his Escape.

A Circumstance which aggravates the Misfortune of this Deed is, that the Deceased was the only one of Five Brothers that maintained their old Fa-

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*From the Flying Post, Sept. 17.**Prague, Sept. 10.*

*The following is an Account, of the universal and solemn Homage pay'd to the Emperor on the 4th Instant, by the States of the Kingdom of Bohemia; and of the chief Ceremonies of his Coronation on the 5th.*

ON the 4th, after the great Bell of the Castle or Citadel had toll'd from six a-clock in the Morning till seven, the States came to Court; to which the Ministers and other Lords were invited by the Harbingers. They all accompanied the Emperor, who was preceded by the Grand Marshal of the County with his Staff in his Hand, to his Chapel, where he heard Mass celebrated by the Dean; after which they attended him into the Great Hall, where he plac'd himself on a Throne, erected on purpose for receiving the Homage.

Then the Majordomo of the County, being upon a Stage rais'd opposite to the Throne, advanced and made a profound Reverence to it; after which he turned about, and in the Emperor's Name, made a very fine Speech to the States in the Bohemian Language, expressing the Emperor's great Satisfaction for their Obedience in assembling there according to his Orders. To which the Supreme Burgrave returned an Answer in the same Language, importing, That they had done no more than their Duty.

Then the Great Chancellor, advancing to the Left Hand of the Emperor, and making a profound Reverence, kneel'd down, and receiv'd in a few Words his Imperial Majesty's Order to declare his Intentions. This done, he arose, and retiring a few Steps backward, he made his Proposal, which was immediately Registered in the Bohemian and German Languages; the States having agreed to grant the Emperor 400000 Florins; beside the usual Subsidy of 2 Millions.

After that, the 2 Secretaries in waiting read out the Act of Homage with a loud Voice, first in the Bohemian, and then in the German Language; and the same was repeated by the States of Bohemia, in the Bohemian Language, and by those of German-Bohemia, in the German Language. The Laity took the Oath by lifting up three Fingers, and the Clergy, by laying them on their Breasts.

Then the Emperor made a short Speech, thanking the States for their ready Obedience, and expressing his Satisfaction in the good Dispositions which they manifested for his Coronation. The Supreme Burgrave returned him their most humble Thanks; and expressed the Disposition of the States to pay him all due Homage.

Afterwards all the States were admitted to kiss the Emperor's Hand; first the Archbishop and Clergy, then the Princes and chief Officers of State; next, the Privy Counsellors and other Lords, and after them, the Knights and Deputies of the States of the Kingdom.

This done, the Emperor returned to Court with the same Train, and in the same Order as he came.

On the 5th, about 7 in the Morning, the Crown, the Apple, the Sceptre, and the Royal Robes and Ornaments, were carried to the Chapel of Wenceslaus.

At 8 a-clock the Emperor, accompanied by the Knights of the Golden Fleece, Chamberlains; and a vast Number of Lords and Gentlemen, set out from the Castle for the Cathedral, with a general Salvo of the Artillery, under a magnificent Canopy, carried by the Burgomaster and Counsellors of the City; the Streets through which he pass'd being lin'd with the Militia, and floor'd with Planks covered with red and white Cloth, which was afterwards left to the Pillage of the People.

The Archbishop of Prague, at the Head of his Clergy, received the Emperor at the Gate of the Church, presented him the Holy Water, gave him the Crucifix to kiss, and then conducted him to the Chapel of Wenceslaus. From whence the Emperor, after putting on the Royal Ornaments, went up to the High Altar, and then plac'd himself on a Throne erected in the Middle of the Choir; the Empress, the Electoral Prince of Saxony, and the 2 Archduchesses, being plac'd in the Praying Desk of the Imperial Family.

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At 9 a-clock Mass was begun, and before the Reading of the Gospel, the Emperor returned to the High Altar, where he took the usual Oath upon the Holy Gospels; and the Archbishop, assisted by the Bishop of Koningsgratz and the Provost of the Cathedral, girt his Imperial Majesty with the Sword of Wenceslaus, put the Royal Ring upon his Finger, the Sceptre in his Hand, and the Crown upon his Head, and then consecrated his Imperial Majesty; who went and placed himself on another Throne on the Right Side of the Altar, where, while *Te Deum* was sung, with a second Salvo of the Artillery from the Ramparts, all the States were admitted to touch the Crown and kiss his Hand. After the Gospel was read, he created 41 Knights, and received the Sacrament from the Archbishop; and when Mass was ended, which was sung with the finest Music that ever was heard at Prague, there was a 3d general Salvo of the Artillery.

About 11, his Majesty having put off his Royal Robes, returned to the Castle with the same Train that attended him to the Church; after which he dined in public under a magnificent Canopy in the Great Hall; the Cardinal de Schrottenbach, the Pope's Nuncio, the Venetian Ambassador and our Archbishop, being at his Table, which was plac'd in the Middle of 12 others, where the States of the Kingdom were treated with the utmost Splendor.

At the Beginning of the Repast, his Imperial Majesty put off his Crown. It lasted 3 Hours, with Beat of Drums and Sound of Trumpets; several Fountains of Red and White Wine were let run among the Populace, to whom were also thrown a great many Medals of Gold and Silver; and the Evening concluded with inexpressible Rejoycings.

On the 6th, the Empress was crowned with the like Ceremonies; and at both Coronations were no less than 11 Foreign Princes.

*Constantinople, August 12.* The Ambassadors of Meriways, the Chief of the Persian Rebels, are now no longer *Incog.* but make such a great Figure, as gives no small Jealousy to the Russian Resident. Prince Ragotsky is returned Post from a Journey which he made privately to the Frontiers of Hungary; and had this Day a long Conference with the Grand Vizier.

The Janizaries having murmured lately against the Government, and especially against the Chancellor for Want of their Pay; The Grand Vizier, for Fear of the Consequences, has thought fit to keep no more than 8000 of them here; and having paid the rest of them their Arrears, has sent them to the Frontiers of Muscovy and Persia.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post, Sept. 17.*

*London, September 17.* We hear, that the Son of the Woman who furnishes the Post Chaises at Calais, is violently suspected of being one of the late Murderers of the Englishmen there: and by the Pains they took to flea and mangle the Horse which Mr. Davis shot, is supposed that they live in that Neighbourhood; from whence it is justly hoped, that they will in a little Time be all discovered. Mean time the Cause of this Misfortune is ascribed to the English Gentlemens exchanging too publickly their Guineas into French Specie, by which Means these Russians came to be acquainted with the Sum of Money they had among them, which was upwards of 300 L.

Yesterday the Earl of Cadogan and other General Officers, reviewed the first Regiment of Foot Guards. The 2 others are to be reviewed on Thursday next. And the Camp will break up the 30th Instant.

*Hanover, Sept. 17.* About 6000 of our Troops, both Horse and Foot, were reviewed Yesterday by the K. of Great Britain, the Bishop of Osnaburg, Prince Frederick; all the Lords of the Court and the Foreign Ministers attending his Majesty on Horseback on this Occasion. The Day of his Majesty's Departure for Berlin is not yet fixed.



Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 17.

**T**IS writ from Constantinople, that a Rupture with the Czar seem'd unavoidable by Reason his Czarist Majesty will not withdraw his Troops out of Georgia nor other conquered Places but on the Contrary, continues to reinforce them. A Bashaw and other Officers are gone post with secret Orders for those who command the Turkish Army upon the Frontiers of Persia; from which Kingdom we are advised, That Meriways continues with his Army within 12 Leagues of Derbent, that he has caused himself to be proclaimed Protector of the Kingdom, and published a General Prohibition to the Subjects of that Crown, to go to Derbent or to any other Place possess'd by the Czar's Forces: That he has block'd up the Muscovite Fort at Andreoff, but the Czar's Forces newly arrived in that Country, had found Means to introduce into that Fort a Reinforcement of Men as also a good Convoy of Provisions and warlike Stores.

Advices from Petersburg relate, that the Czar has ordered the Building of five new Men of War and three Frigates to be ready against next Spring, for augmenting his Fleet to 47 Ships of the Line and 23 Frigats, besides a great Number of Gallies and small Vessels.

They write from Vienna of the 8th Instant, That the Emperor has lately acquainted the Elector of Palatine, That he should be obliged to cause his Mandates for Redress of Religious Grievances to be executed if they are longer neglected to be complied with; and its said that Prince Eugene of Savoy will shortly set out for Hanover, to treat about this and other important Affairs. These Letters add, that on the 31st, a Prisoner in the Tower of Verona set Fire to the Prison Door, in order to make his Escape: The Fire got hold of the Upper-floor and in a small Space quite burned down the City Archives with all the Papers that have been kept there for 350 Years, as also the Chapel with a Picture of great Value, and the Archives of the Notaries. It afterwards burn'd down the publick Magazines of Salt, and dammaged their Town-house. The Prisoner did escape, but afterwards was retaken, and is to be severely punished.

The Bodies of the Gentlemen murdered near Calais, were Yesterday brought over in a Yacht; one of them, viz. Mr. Seabright was Brother to Sir Thomas Seabright, Bart. of Hertfordshire, Mr. Davis was formerly a Singing-Master, Mr. Monpesson was a Gentleman of an Estate, and had his Education in Cambridge, and Mr. Lock was the Son of Mr. Lock, an eminent Broker in this City: The Swiss Foot-man of Mr. Lock was the only Person that escaped, he says, that the Russians shot twice at him, whereupon he got off his Horse and kneeled down and begg'd for Mercy. He adds, that they stabb'd the Postilion in the Back with a Bayonet and kill'd him, That as they were riding away, one of them seeing Mr. Monpesson lift up his Head from the Ground, turned back and cut his Throat; however he liv'd from Tuesday to Friday last, speechless all the Time: This Misfortune, the Swiss attributes to one of the Gentlemen publicly changing great Sums of Money in Guineas at Calais for Louis D'ors.

We have Letters from Jamaica advising, that on the 21 of July last, the Duke of Portland caused Captain Laws Commander of his Majesty's Ship Mermaid, to be put under Arrest, and to be close confin'd, some say for Misbehaviour in letting the Cassandra Pyrate Ship go to Porto Bello, others that it was for indecent Expressions to his Grace, and for trading with the Pyrates; And some pretend to suggest, that in his late Voyage to Porto Bello, when the Pyrate was there, he had got above 50000 L. The reverend Dr. Bennet of St. Giles Cripple-gate, has cited some of his Parishoners before the Commissioners for charitable Uses, to give an Account of 2000 L. left for the Use of the Poor. This Afternoon the Lord Newburgh's Eldest Son, who was lately married to Mr. Walpole's only Daughter, with whom he is to have 20000 L. and 10000 L. at the Birth of the first Child, went to Richmond to wait on their Royal Highnesses, who we hear have done them the Honour to wear their Wedding Favours. Sir John St. Barbe, deputy Lieutenant of the County of Hampshire, and Douglas Esq. one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-chamber to the Prince, have resign'd this Life.

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Haddington, September 26.

Best Wheat	07 18 00,	2d at 07 13 00,	3d at 06 10 00
Best Bear	07 00 00,	2d at 06 14 00,	3d at 06 08 00,
Best Oats	06 08 00,	2d at 06 00 00,	3d at 05 12 00,
Best Pease	06 12 00,	2d at 06 08 00,	3d at 06 00 00.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

†† There was lately taken or stolen out of a House in *Edinburgh*, a Cut-lace or Hanger; the Plumber whereof Silver, like to a Man's Head in Armour, with a new Hog's-skin Scabbard, a Hart-horn Handle, mounted with a Silver Shell and a Coat of Arm's on both Sides; the Keeper and the Back-wand having on them a Man in Arms. The Scabbard has a Silver Crampet and Heck. Any Person who has the said Cutlace, may call at Mr. *Adams*, Printer, his House over-against the *General-Post-Office*, where they shall be handsomely rewarded, and no Questions asked.

\* \* That on Tuesday the eight of October next, by Warrant of the Magistrates of *Leith*, There is to be sold by Way of publick Roup, in the House of Mr. *Innes* on the Shoar of *Leith*, betwixt the Hours of Three and Four Afternoon, by the Creditors of the deceased *Thomas Mayo*, a convenient Dwelling House, Rope Work and Pertinents, lying in the Links of *Leith*, near the Saw Mill, presently possess'd by John Gray Rope Maker there: The Conditions of the Roup are to be seen at the Clerk's Chamber in *Leith*.

†† There is a fine Milch Ass lately Colted, to be Sold or Hired. Enquire at Mr. *Colin Mackenzie* Chirurgion his Shop in the Lawn-market, over-against *Libertoun* wynd-head.

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